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The Most Rev. Archbishop Theodore McCarrick
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Dear Archbishop McCarrick,

I would like to take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to you and wish you well in your position as the leader of the Newark Archdiocese.

It is regretable that we were unable to meet at the ceremonies marking your investiture as archbishop, but my absence must be explained by the fact that I never received an invitation to the event. As you know, I was elected Mayor of Newark in May and sworn in to office, July 1. Coming into a new position yourself, you know that many times letters and communications get lost during transition. This might have been the case regarding the invitation to your celebration, however; there was never any follow-up done by any member of the Archdiocese to ascertain whether or not I would be in attendance. Had I received an invitation, or for that matter even a follow-up phone call, I of course would have attended the event and been honored and proud to congratulate you and welcome you to Newark.

As a matter of fact, Father O'Brien met with me in my office the night before the installation and interviewed me at length, during which time I spoke about how pleased we were with your appointment. No mention was made of the following day's activities or my "expected" involvement in them at that time.

Since I never heard anything, I naturally thought that perhaps the ceremonies were limited to members of the clergy, Catholic laity and your family. Had I been given any indication otherwise, I certainly would never have missed this most special occasion.



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Please accept my apologies, and also my warm congratulations and best wishes. I hope that we will meet in the near future, and I certainly look forward to working with you in serving the citizens of Newark and the Archdiocese.

Sincerely,

Sharpe James
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